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"(b) The minimum strength of the Board is fixed at 13 and the maximum at 17. Its strength has been fixed at 15 for the present.

"(c) The Collector of South Kanara will be the ex-officio Chairman of the Board.

"(d) No Sir. It is not the practice to call for applications for appointment in such cases."

Assignment of lands to the ex-tappers of Coondapoor taluk, South Kanara.

* 831 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI (on behalf of Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the action taken by the Government on the application of the ex-tappers of Coondapoor taluk, South Kanara district, for assignment of lands to them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Six applications received from ex-tappers are being enquired into and the lands will be assigned to them if the applicants are landless and poor persons likely to engage themselves in direct cultivation."

Formation of Gosalas.

* 832 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation or questionnaire from the Central Council of Gosamvardhana regarding the necessity for forming Gosalas in the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (a) & (b) In October 1952, the Central Council of Gosamvardhana called for proposals for the starting of Gosadan Centres in this State. A scheme for establishing a Gosadan (concentration camp) in the Perumal Malai Reserve Forest of Madurai district was formulated and forwarded to the Central Council of Gosamvardhana in February 1953. The decision of the Council on the question of meeting the expenditure is still awaited. In reply to another circular letter of the Central Council of Gosamvardhana, its attention was drawn as recently as 6th March 1954 to the scheme already submitted."

Declaration of 'Sthanam' properties as 'tarwad' properties.

* 833 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to put an end to 'Sthanams' in Malabar and make these 'Sthanam' properties 'tarwad' properties;

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(b) whether the Government have received any representation in that behalf; and

(c) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No.

" (b) No.

" (c) Does not arise.

It may however be stated that a Memorandum, dated 16th February 1953 from certain Members of the Kavalappara Swaroopam was received by the Government requesting that suitable legislation might be undertaken in respect of 'Kavalappara Swaroopam' properties declaring them as 'Tarwad' properties and not as 'Impartible Sthanam' as held by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in their judgment in Kochunni alias Muppil Nayar v. Kuttanunni alias Elaya Nayar (61, Law Weekly, 226). Sri K. A. Nayar subsequently requested this Government to defer consideration of the question until he had furnished the views of some leading lawyers in respect of the Privy Council's Judgment. These opinions were received on 8th March 1954. The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Dispensaries in Ponneri taluk.

* 834 Q.—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of dispensaries in Ponneri taluk maintained by the Government and District Board;

(b) the number of beds provided in the Maternity Ward of the hospital at Ponneri;

(c) the number of patients treated in the year 1952;

(d) the annual expenditure incurred on the hospital at Ponneri; and

(e) whether the Government propose to increase the number of beds in the hospital at Ponneri and to open Health Centres in Ponneri taluk?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Six, Sir.

" (b) None, Sir.

" (c) 23,967, Sir.

" (d) Rs. 4,893 in 1953.

" (e) There are no proposals at present."

SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI :—" பொன்னேரி தாலுகாவில் இன்று பிரசவ ஆஸ்பத்திரி இல்லே. உடனடியாக ஒன்று ஆரம்பிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are six dispensaries in Ponneri taluk. One is a Government dispensary, four are Local Fund dispensaries and the sixth one is a rural dispensary. 149 maternity cases were attended to in these dispensaries."